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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2008

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF SGT. THOMAS HONTZ.

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1 Sgt. Thomas Hontz was killed in the line of duty at the age of
2 forty-five during a SWAT training exercise on February 20, 2002.

3 Sgt. Hontz, a twenty-four year veteran of the police force, was the
4 first Scottsdale police officer to die in the line of duty. At the time of
5 his death, Hontz supervised the Special Assignments Unit of the SWAT team and
6 was also a team leader. In addition, Hontz was the department's use-of-force
7 expert and was responsible for oversight of its less-lethal use-of-force
8 training.

9 As a staff instructor for PPCT Management Systems, Sgt. Hontz's
10 contribution of professional knowledge and expertise extended beyond the
11 boundaries of the State of Arizona to police officers and military personnel
12 nationally and internationally. Sgt. Hontz also made regular contributions
13 to industry magazines and training videos aimed at improving the quality of
14 law enforcement. Known as more than a police officer or tactical leader,
15 Sgt. Hontz was considered a unique contributor to the world of law
16 enforcement training and a true pioneer in his profession.

17 He will be missed by his family, his friends, his colleagues and the
18 people of the State of Arizona.

19 Therefore

20 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

21 That the Members of the House of Representatives sincerely regret the
22 passing of Sgt. Thomas Hontz and extend their most sincere sympathies and
23 condolences to his wife, Cathy, his three sons, Christopher, Justin and Trey
24 and his other surviving relatives.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MAY 14, 2002.

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John Flake
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Pro Tempore

Sporman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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This Resolution was received by the Secretary of State

This 14 day of May, 2002

at 3:26 o'clock P M.

Kathryn Bayless
Secretary of State